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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Legal News: Oral arguments handbook offers valuable tips for attorneys who practice before Supreme Court (second article)

"Attorneys who appear before the Michigan Supreme Court have a valuable new resource: a comprehensive, online handbook about how to prepare for and argue their cases. Entitled 'Guide for Counsel in Cases to Be Argued in the Michigan Supreme Court,' the handbook was compiled by Supreme Court staff with extensive input from Michigan Solicitor General John Bursch."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

SBM Blog: Arguing Before The Michigan Supreme Court? Free Expert Help Now Available

[Full story](#)

Oral arguments handbook offers tips for Michigan Supreme Court practice

[Press release](#)

Detroit Free Press: Mom can't sue Michigan, child workers in son's death by murder-suicide

"A federal appeals court says a judge was wrong to allow a civil suit to proceed against state Child Protective Services workers and the state by the mother of a western Michigan boy killed by his father in a murder-suicide. The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati ruled Tuesday that state workers' conduct wasn't the 'direct cause' of injuries that killed 9-year-old Nicholas Braman."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Grand Rapids Press: Child-protective services workers have immunity in 9-year-old boy's death, appeals court says

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Macomb County sheriff declares overcrowding emergency at jail

"The Macomb County jail has been overcrowded for the past week forcing the sheriff to declare a state of emergency Tuesday.... If the population cannot be reduced quickly, Chief Circuit Court Judge John Foster will have to consider reducing the sentences of non-violent offenders held at the Elizabeth Road facility. Notification has gone out to Foster, Chief District Court Judge Joseph Oster, Prosecutor Eric Smith, Board Chair David Flynn and County Executive Mark Hackel on Tuesday."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Macomb County Jail in overcrowding emergency, sheriff says

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The Macomb Daily: Sheriff: Jail expansion should be back on the table

[Full story](#)

C & G News/Warren: Protestors picket court site

"Ten months after union supporters packed City Council chambers, calling on members to require a prevailing wage be paid to workers building the new 40th District Court, about 50 protesters were back in front of the site of the new building to picket."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: MJA gives 2013 Hilda Gage Award to former judge Barry L. Howard

"The Michigan Judges Association has announced that the Hon. Barry L. Howard, formerly of the 6th Circuit Court in Oakland County, is the recipient of its 2013 Judicial Excellence Award, named after the late Hilda Gage. The award recognizes those who have excelled in trial and docket management, legal scholarship, and contributions to the profession and the community. The award honors current or former judges who serve their profession and their communities with integrity, skill, and courage every day."

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Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Detroit primary finally certified; now for the recount

"... A city clerk candidate, D. Etta Wilcoxon, had temporarily stopped the proceedings by filing a lawsuit last week, claiming the state had no right to unseal ballot boxes and recount some votes. The Michigan Court of Appeals overturned a temporary restraining order allowing the state to certify the election, but Wilcoxon is now suing for de-certification. Other candidates have requested a full re-count, alleging massive election fraud."

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The Mining Journal/Marquette: Appeals court grants retrial

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has granted a new trial to a former Michigan State Police trooper who was convicted by jury in Iron County Trial Court in 2011 of two felony counts of criminal sexual conduct-second degree. David Morikawa, 39, won the appeal on grounds that he had ineffective assistance of counsel."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Wayne Law alumni, prof. being honored as part of State Bar Annual Meeting

"Five Wayne State University Law School alumni and a Wayne Law assistant professor will be honored in September as part of State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting events in Lansing.... [State Court Administrator Chad Schmucker, Class of 1977,] will be honored Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the State Bar of Michigan Awards Banquet [with the State Bar Foundation's Access to Justice Award.]... [Schmucker] also will be recognized at the annual Wayne Law Alumni Reception hosted by the law school from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Nominations open for Foster Care Review Board's annual awards

"The Foster Care Review Board (FCRB) is seeking nominations for its annual Child Welfare Awards which honor judges, lawyers, foster care workers, and foster parents for exemplary service to children in Michigan's foster care system.... The deadline is Friday, Sept 6."

[Full story](#)

Three Rivers Commercial-News: CMHSAS hears about 'Swift/Sure Sanctions' program

"A program created to assist persons convicted of crimes but needing mental health support would be implemented if a grant is received through Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services of St. Joseph County and other county law enforcement partners, Spencer Price, substance abuse prevention coordinator, told the CMHSAS board of directors at its August meeting."

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